

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

Direct thermographic materials are designed to have image tone with near neutral density. Besides a non-photosensitive source of reducible silver ions, the materials also include a color developing agent precursor that releases a
5 color developing agent when heated to a temperature of at least 80°C, and a combination of cyan and magenta dye-forming color couplers that provide cyan and magenta dyes. No black-and-white developers are purposely added to these materials. This combination of components provides a means for controlling image tone without reliance solely upon conventional toning agents that provide
10 imaging toning only.